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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of document (2) is enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,507,613
- (2) JP 2000/40943

Document (2) was cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, which is dated January 7, 2005, is enclosed.

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An English-language abstract accompanies document (2). Additionally, it is noted that document (1) is an English-language counterpart for document (2). The concise explanation of relevance for non-English language document (2) is believed to be satisfied by the English language abstract and the English language counterpart. See MPEP § 609.

The subject application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a Notice Of Allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by the requisite \$180.00 fee. The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the attached Form PTO-1449 and return the initialed form to the Applicant with the next communication.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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